



# Republican Policy Committee

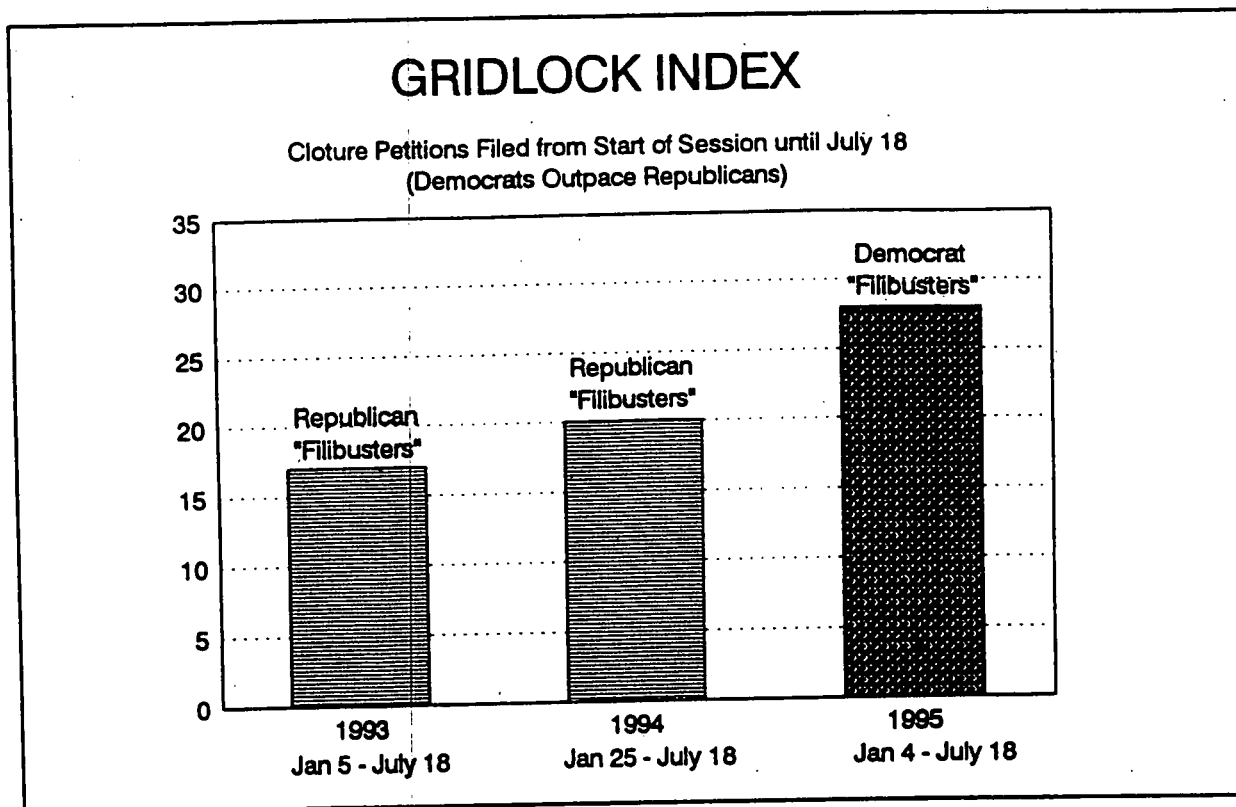
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## The "Gridlock Index"

In 1994, President Clinton and Congressional Democrats blamed voter dissatisfaction on "Republican obstructionism." Last year, then Majority Leader Mitchell, and others, were fond of saying that Republicans had staged more filibusters in each of the 102d and 103d Congress than had occurred in the entire 19th century.

Now that Democrats in the Senate have dramatically exceeded Republicans in the number of cloture petitions they have forced, the "gridlock" crisis has been swept under the rug. Here is how Democrats and Republicans compare with each other on the gridlock index:



Note: A total of 30 cloture petitions have been filed thus far in the 104th Congress. However, 2 of these were filed by Senator Daschle to close debate on the Foster nomination to be Surgeon General.

## Legislation "Filibustered" by Democrats So Far in 1995

<u>Legislation</u>	<u>Cloture Motions Filed</u>
1) Unfunded Mandates, S. 1	4 cloture motions
2) Balanced Budget Amendment, H.J. Res. 1	3 cloture motions
3) Striker Replacement, Kassebaum amendment	2 cloture motions
4) Line-Item Veto, S. 4	2 cloture motions
5) Health Insurance Tax Deduction, H.R. 831	1 cloture motion
6) Supplemental/Rescissions, H.R. 1158	2 cloture motions
7) Product Liability, H.R. 956	5 cloture motions
8) Interstate Waste, S. 534	1 cloture motion
9) Alaska Power Administration, S. 395	1 cloture motion
10) Anti-terrorism, S. 735	1 cloture motion
11) Anti-Pornography, Lott amendment	2 cloture motions
12) National Highway System, S. 440	1 cloture motion
13) Regulatory Reform, S. 343	3 cloture motions (as of 7/18/95)
<b>Total: 28 cloture motions</b>	

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